

REMARKS

Claims 1-51 are pending in the application. Claims 23-51 are withdrawn from consideration as being directed to a non-elected invention. In the non-final Office Action dated March 6, 2008, the Examiner made the following disposition:

- A.) Rejected claims 16 and 17 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph.
- B.) Rejected claims 1-3, 6-15, and 18-19 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by GB 2 297 618 (“’618”).
- C.) Rejected claims 4 and 5 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over ‘618.
- D.) Objected to claims 20-22.

Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection and address the Examiner’s disposition below. Applicants note the Examiner has not issued a rejection of claim 23. Claims 1, 2, 16, 21, and 23 have been amended. Claims 19, 20, and 22 have been canceled.

A.) Rejection of claims 16 and 17 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph

Claims 2 and 16 have been amended to replace “first-mentioned substrate” with “first substrate.”

Regarding the claim term “third substrate” in claims 16 and 17, Applicants respectfully submit the term is proper. The recitation of the term “third substrate” in claims 16 and 17 distinguishes the claimed third substrate from the second substrate recited in claim 2.

Applicants respectfully submit the objection has been overcome and request that it be withdrawn.

B.) Rejection of claims 1-3, 6-15, and 18-19 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by GB 2 297 618 (“’618”):

Applicants respectfully disagree with the rejection.

Applicants respectfully acknowledge the Examiner’s finding of allowable subject matter in claims 20-22. Claim 1 has been amended to include the subject matter of claims 19 and 20. Therefore, claim 1 as amended is allowable.

Claims 2-3, 6-15, and 18-19 depend directly or indirectly from claim 1 and are therefore allowable for at least the same reasons that claim 1 is allowable.

Applicants respectfully submit the rejection has been overcome and request that it be withdrawn.

C.) Rejection of claims 4 and 5 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over '618:

Applicants respectfully disagree with the rejection.

Claim 1 is allowable over '618 as discussed above.

Claims 4 and 5 depend directly or indirectly from claim 1 and are therefore allowable for at least the same reasons that claim 1 is allowable.

Applicants respectfully submit the rejection has been overcome and request that it be withdrawn.

D.) Objection of to claims 20-22:

Applicants respectfully acknowledge the Examiner's finding of allowable subject matter in claims 20-22.

Claim 1 has been amended to include the subject matter of claims 19 and 20. Therefore, claim 1 as amended is allowable.

Claim 21 has been amended to depend from claim 1.

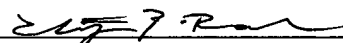
Claims 19, 20, and 22 have been canceled.

Applicants respectfully submit the objection has been overcome and request that it be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that the claims are patentable. It is therefore submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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